PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

REGULATORY DIVISION

13 MAY 2005

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONGREE CARTON MITIGATION BANK

The Charleston District Regulatory Division and South Carolina Mitigation Banking Review Team have received a draft banking instrument for a proposed mitigation bank for the Barrier Islands/Coastal Marsh and Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain regions of South Carolina. The mitigation bank proposal has been submitted to the Department of the Army by

CONGAREE-CARTON, LP C/O THE EARTHWORKS GROUP POST OFFICE BOX 201 MURRELLS INLET, SOUTH CAROLINA 29576

for authorization to establish a mitigation bank in the Cooper River watershed, in the headwaters of the

WANDO RIVER

at a location, a 462.87-acre tract of land, adjacent to the Wando River and the Francis Marion Forest, approximately 0.5 miles west of U. S. Highway 17, off of Guerin Bridge Road (S-10-98) in Charleston County, South Carolina.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the above mentioned office until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2005

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The project involves establishing and operating a mitigation bank in the Cooper River watershed (HUC code #03050201) and the Barrier Islands/Coastal Marsh and Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain ecoregions of S.C. Approximately 462.87 acres will be permanently protected by a conservation easement. Establishment of the bank will require hydrologic enhancement of 70.84 acres of wetlands, hydrologic and vegetative enhancement of 26.45 acres of wetlands, enhancement of 1.91 acres of estuarine tidal wetlands, hydrologic and vegetative restoration of 324.54 acres of wetlands. The proposed bank is located within close proximity to the Francis Marion National Forest. The work required to complete the restoration and enhancement may be authorized under Nationwide permit #27 after final review by the Corps, the South Carolina

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Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Mitigation Banking Review Team. The proposed bank may be used for in-kind mitigation for permitted impacts in the proposed bank service area depicted on the attached drawings when appropriate and as authorized by the Corps and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

NOTE: The draft mitigation banking instrument is available for review by appointment between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday at the Corps office at the address listed above. Please Call Nat Ball at 843-329-8044 to make an appointment.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Nat Ball at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

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